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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

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Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1848.

BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF 25TH JULY, 1854, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognised by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 8,200,000
RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.
LONDON AGENCY.—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.

AGENCIES.—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

CHIEF DE GUIGNE, Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—E. R. BELLING, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—AD. ANDRE, Esq.
J. F. CORDES, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
A. McIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, JAMES GREIG, Esq.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

FOR SALE.

FRESH Takasima COAL, in lots to suit purchasers. Large, Handpicked, double-sifted at \$8 per Ton. Small, at \$6 per Ton.

Apply to T. G. GLOVER, No. 7, Queen's Road and at East Point, Hongkong, December 3, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I Have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V. Shaw to sign my name per procura-tion.
A. MACG. HEATON.
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

FROM this date and until further notice, Mr G. DE CHAMPEAUX will act, at this Port, as Agent of the above Company. By Order of the Directors,
O. BERTRAND.
Hongkong, January 29, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of the late Mr SIDNEY DEACON in our Firm, ceased on the 9th September last.
Mr. ALFRED T. DUVAL was admitted a Partner therein on the 1st ultimo.
DEACON & Co.
Canton, February 1, 1876. m07

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Halphong and Ha Noi. Mr E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procura-tion in Tonquin.
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

MR. MEYER ELIAS SASSOON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 1st January ultimo.
E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, February 3, 1876. m08

NOTICE.

THE Underigned have entered into Co-partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Ship-brokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.
A. G. MORRIS.
E. C. RAY.

Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

Intimations.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned Banks will close for Public Business at 12 o'clock, Noon, on THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th Instant.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation," GEO. O. SCOTT, Actg. Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China," H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China," THOMAS FORREST, Actg. Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris," CHAS. DE GUIGNE, Manager.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-ing Corporation," JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.," R. H. SANDEMAN, Actg. Manager.

Hongkong, February 21, 1876. fe26

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, the 28th February, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1875; the Report of the Directors; for the election of Directors, and Auditors; also to declare a Dividend.

By Order of the Board, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1876. fe28

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 29th Instant, both days included.

By Order, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1876. fe29

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half-year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, say \$3.75 per paid-up Share of \$125, is payable on and after FRIDAY, the 18th Instant, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager, Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

Entertainments.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

PROGRAMME OF CONCERT

To be given at the CITY HALL, ON

This Evening,

February 22, 1876, COMMENCING AT 9 O'CLOCK.

PART I.

No. 1. Quintette.—Pianoforte, Two Violins, Viola, and Violoncello, Andante and Intermezzo. Carl Reinecke. Op. 83.

No. 2. Chorus.—"Lift up your heads."—Messiah.

No. 3. Bass Solo.—"Jagdlied."—Mendelssohn.

No. 4. Chorus.—"How lovely are the Messengers."—St. Paul.

No. 5. Duet.—Soprano and Mezzo-Soprano. "Recordare," from Verdi's "Requiem."

No. 6. Solo and Chorus.—"The Mary's Work."—Creation.

PART II.

No. 7. Trio.—Pianoforte, Violin and Violoncello, Adagio Cantabile, and Rondo all' Ungarese from first Trio.—Haydn.

No. 8. Vocal Quartette.—"The Tar's Song."—Hattori.

No. 9. Violoncello Solo.—"Schlummerlied," by Stahlkopf.

No. 10. Solo and Chorus.—"La Carità."—Rossini.

No. 11. Solo and Chorus.—"God Save the Queen."

Tickets price \$2 each, may be obtained of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and at the door of the Hall on the night of the Concert.

ROBERT G. ALFORD, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 18, 1876. fe23

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., &c.

THE French "OPERA COMIQUE TROUPE," lately of PARIS, LONDON, ST. PETERSBURG, NEW YORK and SAIGON, Will have the honour of giving their next Performance, on

THURSDAY NEXT,

February 24th, 1876.

LA ROSE DE ST. FLOUR.

OPERAETTE IN 1 ACT BY OFFENBACH.

Madame Dorian will take the part of "Tiorrette" and sing

"La Tirolienne des Canards."

BARBE BLEUE.

OPERA BOUFFE IN 2 ACTS BY OFFENBACH.

Accompanied by Mr L'Aunay Cephax, Director.

ADMISSION:—Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2; Bank Seats, \$1. Doors open at 8 o'clock. Performance to commence at 9.

Tickets may be had and seats secured at Messrs. KNAUS & Co., also at the door of the Theatre, on the night of Performance.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUBSTANTIAL ENGLISH AND COLO-NIAL MADE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ENGRAVINGS, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE, PIANO, &c., &c., &c.

THE Underigned has received in-structions from JOHN G. SMITH, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 28th day of February, 1876, at Noon, at his residence, "Idis Wild,"

owing to change of residence.

The whole of his Substantial English and Colonial-made Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Drawing, Dining and Bed Room Suites, Glassware, Plated Ware, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Sets, Engravings, Pier Glasses, Gasoliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Window Curtains and Cornices, Marble-top Tables, Book Case, Dining Table, Side Board, Washbasins, Chairs, Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables, Washstands and Services, &c., &c.

And, A Cottage PIANO.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Feb. 17, 1876. fe25

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

ELEGANT ENGLISH AND CANTON-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, SEMI-GRAND PIANO, PARK PHETON AND PAIR OF PONIES.

A FINE COLLECTION OF FERNS, CAMELLIAS, ROSES, AND OTHER CHOICE PLANTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 29th February, 1876, at Noon, at "DUART," CAINE ROAD.

The Residence of the Honourable T. O. HATLAS, Esq.,

The whole of his Handsome and Substan-tially made HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

Handsomely Carved EBONY SIDE and CENTRE TABLES, Mahogany Marone Morocco Covered COUCHES and CHAIRS, Covered Bombay Blackwood COUCHES, and FLOWER STANDS, Inlaid Ormolu CHEFFONIER, and Japanese CAR-BINETS, Handsome Mantelpiece MIR-RORS, OIL PAINTINGS, CHROMO-LITHOGRAPHS, ENGRAVINGS, CAR-PET, Window Curtains, Gilt Cornices, Gasoliers, Aquariums, Bronze and Porce-lain VASES.

Handsome BOOK CASE, Carved SIDE-BOARD with MIRROR BACK, Glass and Crockery Ware, Silver and Electro Plated Table Ware, Washbasins, Chairs, Clocks, Plated Candlesticks.

Handsome GILT BRASS BEDSTEAD with Feather Mattresses, BUREAU with Mirror, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstands, Toilet Glasses, Cheval Glasses, Iron and Brass Bedsteads, Lamps, &c., &c., &c.

A GRAND PIANO by J. Broadwood & Sons, made expressly to stand this Climate.

One 4-wheeled PARK PHETON, by LEMMY, with a pair of WHITE PONIES, and Double Set SILVER MOUNTED HARNESS.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Sedan CHAIRS.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

The Carriage and Ponies, and the Plants will be sold at 4 o'clock.

Catalogues will be issued prior to the Sale, and the Furniture will be on view on MONDAY, the 28th February, 1876.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. The lots, with all faults and errors of description whatsoever, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1876. fe29

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE UNDERMENTIONED LAND AND BUILDINGS.

AT HONGKONG.—

INLAND LOT 32.—The well-known House and Offices lately occupied by Messrs A. Heard & Co., adjoining the Cathedral Com-pound.

The Ground below the masonry retaining wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's Road.

Annual Crown rent, \$390.48.

MARINE LOT 111, WANGHAI.—First-class and extensive Godowns.

Annual Crown rent, \$324.

INLAND LOT 591.—Situated on the Bon-ham Road and one of the finest sites for Villa residences in the Colony.

Annual Crown rent, \$79.78.

FARM LOT 17, FOXPOLOH, adjoining Messrs Butterfield & Swire's premises.

Annual Crown rent, \$26.

AT KOWLOON:—

MARINE LOT 4.—With a frontage of 100 feet on the Praya, and with an area of 80,000 feet.

Reduced Annual Crown rent, \$10.

AT YOKOHAMA:—

LOTS No. 6 AND No. 27 in the Foreign Settlement.

No. 6 is situated on the Bund, and com-prises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, de-tached, with Garden all round, Offices, Go-downs, Servants' Quarters and Out-houses. Area 1,064 Tanbos of 36 square feet.

Annual Ground rent, \$263.78.

No. 27 is separated from No. 6 by Water Street and comprises large Tea Firing and other Godowns, Fine Silk Press, Compro-dore's Quarters, Stabling and Fire Engine House. Area 664 Tanbos.

Ground rent, \$154.97 per annum.

Applications for purchase, or further in-formation, to be made to

J. WHITTALL, T. G. LINTREAD,

Trustees A. Heard & Co.'s Estate, 23, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

THIS Season's American HAMS and BACON in prime condition. Smoked SALMON.

Golden Gate Baker's EXTRA FLOUR in Barrels and Tins.

MAEWEEN, FRICKEL & Co. Hongkong, February 19, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Captain THEBAUD, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Day-light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MACG. HEATON, Hongkong, February 21, 1876. fe23

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship "HAILONG," Captain ASBOTT, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPHAM & Co. Hongkong, February 21, 1876. fe23

FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY.

The Steamer "LY-EE-MOON," Captain G. R. STEVENS, will be despatched as above on the 23rd Instant.

For Freight or Passage (having excellent accommodation for first-class passengers), apply to

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, February 14, 1876. fe23

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for HANKOW, NINGPO & PORTS IN JAPAN.

The Company's Steamship "DIOMEDE" will be despatched on or about the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1876. fe25

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "MENEZES" will be despatched on or about the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1876. fe26

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For Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE.

SAYLE & Co. will offer, on and after **TUESDAY** Next, the 18th Instant, the remainder of their Winter Stock at Greatly Reduced Prices, consisting of:—

Winter Costumes and Polonaises.
Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas.
Fancy Dress materials of all kinds.
Wool Plaid and Flannels.
Silks and Poplins.
Wool Shawls and Cloaks.
Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets.
Fancy Wool Goods.
Lace and Linen Sets.
Scarves and Sashes.
Boys' Suits.
Children's Dresses.

&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

NOTICES.

NOTICE IN EXPLANATION OF A SLANDER.

The principles of right or wrong will reveal themselves in course of time, and this saying is clearly set forth in the History of China. When undue reliance is placed on statements by word of mouth, a good argument is always wanting, and this is what the Book of Changes has always guarded people against. If a man is not guilty of anything seriously wrong, it is likely that he will submit himself to be killed.

With regard to Lai Ming Chun, he is indeed a bare-faced fellow, and one who has no regard for anything. On the 27th day of the 10th Moon last year (24th November 1873), he slandered Messrs. Tangshun Yee and Woo Lin Tak by falsely accusing them of being engaged in the nefarious trade of selling people for the purposes of emigration, and that in their transactions they were in fact kidnappers. And finally, he recorded the same in the *Tsun Wan Yat Po*, (The Universal Circulating Herald), so that Messrs. Tang and Woo had thought of suing him before the local authorities, so that he might be punished for libelling people's character. Fortunately for him, however, Lai Ming Chun learnt in time of his own wrong in slandering the character of good men, and now he has voluntarily consented to pay the penalty of bearing the legal expenses in the sum of \$600, and to pay also (into the poor box) \$25, for the relief of the Hongkong poor; also, from his own funds, to pay the costs of inserting in the Chinese and foreign newspapers, three of each, for the period of one month, an article, in order to redeem himself from what he has been guilty of. But this, nevertheless, would not actually be sufficient to cover the enormity of his sin. The reason why Messrs. Tang and Woo consented to these terms was because they had been advised by intimate friends, who urged that, inasmuch as both parties were Chinese men, how could they, Messrs. Tang and Woo, have the heart to see him (Lai Ming Chun) put in a goal of the foreigner? So that it would be far better that they should forgive him, but inflict a small penalty by way of a small warning.

It so happened, luckily, that Messrs. Tang and Woo's magnanimity proved to be as expansive as the sea and as capacious as the ocean, and it was thus that the matter was put an end to. This is sufficient to show that Messrs. Tang and Shun are peaceful and quiet men, and that they have done a very good act. But Lai Ming Chun is a man who is very much conceited (lit. the night pedestrian who thinks a great deal of himself), and one who falsely dilates in satire and raillery. He began life in a very mean position, and is not of a respectable family (lit. the descendant of the pure and white). While in a menial position, he, moreover, offended his superiors. Therefore it would not be arbitrary were he to be banished beyond the frontiers, nor would it be too much were he to be put to the sword (lit. under the axe). Now that he is only dead in so small a sum, it is indeed his good fortune that he has escaped greater consequences.

ONE WHO UPHOLDS JUSTICE.

Hongkong, 19th Feb. 1874. mol18

NOTICE.

A MAN'S character should be judged from what it has been before, and by that means elegance or worthlessness can be discerned. A story should be judged by its true or false bearings, so that right and wrong may be distinguished. These remarks apply to the case in which Messrs. Tangshun Yee and Woo Lin Tak were, on the 27th day of the 10th moon last year (24th November 1873), slandered by Lai Ming Chun. Messrs. Tangshun Yee and Woo Lin Tak have been residing for more than ten years in Hongkong and have always been employed in representing Nam Pak Hong in their transactions with foreigners. While their character stands high, their conduct is excellent, and they have for a long time been respected by both Chinese and foreigners. They have not only not borne a name that is approaching to anything improper, but they have not in the course of all their actions done anything objectionable. Unexpectedly, however, slander came upon them unawares, but of course, when virtue stands high, reproach will come. They were therefore falsely charged by Lai Ming Chun's letter, which was published in the *Tsun Wan Yat Po*, with selling people for

emigration abroad. They are indeed labouring under a false imputation from which it is now difficult for them to clear themselves. Our office, therefore, in punishing Lai Ming Chun for having done what he ought not to have done, orders him—and he consents—to pay the sum of \$600; the amount of legal expenses; he has also by way of punishment to pay \$25 into the Poor Box for the benefit of the Hongkong poor. He is further punished by having to pay the expenses of advertising in the Chinese and foreign newspapers in the Colony, three of each, for the period of one month, a notice which will bring before the public his sin in this defamation. Reparations like these will, perhaps, allay in a measure the indignation which Messrs. Tang and Woo feel.

When a man finds fault with others he ought in the first instance to enquire whether he himself is unblemished. Now Lai Ming Chun, as a man, is not one who is numbered among the gentry, nor is his name pronounced by the lips of the illustrious. Yet he falsely dilates in slanderous language and spreads diffidely by word of mouth stories to the detriment and pollution of (the good name of) Messrs. Tang and Woo. It was right therefore that Messrs. Tang and Woo sought to sue him in the Courts of Justice, and he was on the eve of being punished by the utmost penalty of the law. Fortunately, however, Messrs. Tang and Woo's magnanimity is expansive as the sea and as capacious as the ocean, and they deal with people liberally; with that end in view, they therefore prefer, instead of punishing him, as he rightly deserves, to forgive him of the enormous crime of which he has been guilty. Having ceased litigation now, they have recently against any one, and by so doing, they cherish the friendly tie that exists amongst the Chinese clans. They have also shown that in doing this they are inflicting a lenient punishment for the sake of a great warning. They are indeed fully sustaining the benevolent principles of the great men, and for this act of theirs, may the happiness (or good fortune) of Messrs. Tang and Woo never grow less.

THE UNIVERSAL CIRCULATING HERALD (TSUN WAN YAT PO).
Hongkong, February 19, 1874. mol19

G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON.
GEORGE, No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, (will be absent at Canton for a few days from the 28th instant.)
Hongkong, February 16, 1874. fe23

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

GERMAN STEAMSHIP "BELLONA,"
TIGHEMEYER, Master, FROM HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take their Goods from the boats alongside the Wharf, are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 24th instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given until 12 o'clock on the 15th instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

WM. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 14, 1874. fe24

NOTICE.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O. S. S. CO.'S S.S. STENTOR, FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the 26th inst., for shipment per S. S. *Diomed*.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1874. fe26

BRITISH BARK MARINA, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1874.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship "AMOI,"
G. H. DAWSON, Master, will be despatched for the above Port

TO-MORROW, Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at 2 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, February 22, 1874. fe23

FOR AMOI, TAKAO AND TAMSUI.
The Steamship "LEONOR,"
Capt. DIAZ, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 22, 1874.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, Praya, on

FRIDAY,
the 25th February, 1874, at Noon,—
Scares, Pearl Barley, Tumblers, Padlocks, Sealing Wax, Hearth Rugs, Accordians.

20 pounds Iron Wire.
80 kegs Cut Nails, sizes 1½ to 2½ inch.
10 drums Turpentine.

1 Gasolene Apparatus, complete.
1 Drawing-off Machine for Syphons and Bottles.

80 Syphons with large levers.
Old Tom.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1874. fe25

To-day's Advertisements.

In the Goods of CAPTAIN LAWRENCE YOUNG, Deceased.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TENDER.

THE GOODWILL, FURNITURE, FIXTURES & STOCK-IN-TRADE of and belonging to the "LONDON INN," No. 126, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

The Sale will be made subject to the consent of the Justices of the Peace being granted to a Transfer of the existing License of the said "LONDON INN" to the purchaser.

A Meeting of Justices will be appointed for the purpose of hearing the application for such License to Transfer.

The Executors do not bind themselves to accept the highest, or any offer.

For further particulars, apply to Messrs STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, 2 Club Chambers, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 22, 1874. fe23

In the Goods of CAPTAIN LAWRENCE YOUNG, Deceased.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to send in Particulars of the same to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd day of April, 1874.

And all Persons being Indebted to the said Estate are requested to Pay to the Undersigned their several Debts without delay.

STEPHENS & HOLMES,
Solicitors for the Executors,
2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, February 22, 1874. ap22

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 22, *Amoy*, from Canton.
Feb. 22, *Emeralda*, British steamer, 395, E. Thebaud, Manila Feb. 19, General—A. MacG. HEATON.

Feb. 22, *Adria*, British steamer, 781, W. E. Breeze, Bangkok Feb. 13, Rice—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Feb. 22, *Chevit*, British steamer, 768, Watt, Saigon Feb. 17, Rice.—YUEN FAR HONG.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 22, *Norma*, for Swatow.
22, *Sigala*, for Valparaiso.
22, *Succes*, for Bangkok.

22, *Yangtze*, for Canton.
22, *Montgomeryshire*, for Saigon.
22, *Cassandra*, for S'pore and Penang.

CLEARED.

Novelty, for Melbourne.
Amoy, for Shanghai.
Emeralda, for Amoy.

Hailong, for Swatow.
Chappa, for Saigon.
Asia Mineure, for Saigon.

Fu Sheng, for Foochow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per *Emeralda*, from Manila, Mr and Mrs G. Mackenzie, Messrs Robert Jones, James Connel and James Blythe, 1 European deck, and 238 Chinese.

Per *Chevit*, Dr. and Mrs House, two Siamese and 7 Chinese.

Per *Norma*, 21 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Emeralda* reports: moderate breeze and fine weather till 10 p.m. when had strong monsoon and heavy sea.

The British steamer *Adria* reports: fine weather until 20th inst., when had strong monsoon and heavy sea.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:—

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *AMOI*, at 1.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 23rd inst.

For YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.—
Per *COLUMBIAN*, at 9.30 a.m. Thursday, the 24th inst.

For COOKTOWN & SYDNEY.—
Per *LYEEMOON*, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 26th inst.

For BANGKOK.—
Per *RAJANATTIANUHAH*, at noon on Saturday, the 26th inst.

For COOKTOWN.—
Per *MEUCA*, at 1.30 p.m. on Monday, the 28th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet *DJEMNAH*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 24th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles to Europe, Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suva, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 23rd.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, Feb. 10, 1874. fe24

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet *ORRANTO*, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 1st March, at 3 p.m. with the Mails.

For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United States and the United Kingdom.

The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., until 2.30 p.m.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1874. fe25

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, Feb. 24:—
Noon.—Branch Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—Local Banks close for public business.

9 p.m.—Opera Comique at City Hall. Goodsper *Bellona* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Hongkong Racons.—First Day.

FRIDAY, Feb. 25:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Noon.—Local Banks close for public business.

Diomed leaves for Shanghai on or about this date.

Races.—Second Day.

SATURDAY, Feb. 26:—
Noon.—Local Banks close for public business.

Mencaus leaves for London on or about this date.

Shipping Orders regarding Optional Cargo ex *Stentor* for shipment per *Diomed* must be obtained from the Agents not later than this date.

Races.—Third Day.

MONDAY, Feb. 28:—
Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at *Idle Wild*.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited, at Club Chambers.

Claims against the Estate of George Barty Falconer, deceased, must be sent in on or before this date.

TUESDAY, Feb. 29:—
Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at *Quart*, at Caine Road.

WEDNESDAY, March 1:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer *Oceanic* leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

THURSDAY, March 2:—
Noon.—Kingsley Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

WEDNESDAY, March 15:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, April 1:—
Warrants against unclaimed Dividends, Bonus or Interests on *Victoria* Fire Insurance Co., to be presented before this date.

SATURDAY, April 22:—
Claims against the Estate of Captain Lawrence Young, deceased, must be sent in on or before this date.

FRIDAY, June 30:—
Claims against the Estate of Diederich Heilmolt, Querino Antonio Gutierrez, Martin Carroll, Dora Howard, and Henry Roberts, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

MONDAY, July 31:—
Claims against the Estates of Gustav Töbler, Edward Parker, Edward Richard Handley, Kwong Tham, Lam Kok Cheong, Lee Ah Yon, Leung Sew Fan, Man Chan, and a Chinaman, name unknown, No. 11, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Daylight.—*Emeralda* leaves for Amoy.

Daylight.—*Hailong* leaves for Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Tamsui.

2 p.m.—*Amoy* leaves for Shanghai.

Ly-ee-moon leaves for Cooktown and Sydney.

TO ADVERTISERS.

It is requested that all advertisements be sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow of the early issue of the paper.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.10 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEB. 22, 1874.

MATTERS at Macao appear to have assumed a more serious aspect than at any time since Governor Amaral abolished at once and for ever any practical jurisdiction on the part of China over the peninsula.

The steps taken by the Canton authorities are, in fact, explicable on only one theory. The Viceroy must have received instructions from Peking to carry out measures which will at once provoke the hostility of the Macao Government.

It is well known that the native officials have for some time been corresponding with those of Macao in reference to the Customs blockade question, but nothing definite had resulted previous to the arrival of the new Viceroy.

If the Chinese persist in their announced intention, it may be taken for certain that they are acting under instructions from head quarters to bring matters to a crisis.

The object may be less to settle the right of blockade than the *de facto* question, "Who owns Macao?" The idea of erecting a Customs station at Peking island has probably been adopted as a means of inserting the thin edge of the wedge which if it can be successfully driven home will amount to the resumption of Chinese jurisdiction over Macao.

Such at all events is the opinion in native circles, and the fact that no particular fiscal advantage is to be gained by the movement in question strengthens its plausibility.

China has for some ten years been satisfied with the existing stations, and the contemplated alteration can have for its object the intention only of bringing about a final settlement.

This view is strengthened moreover by a fact of which our readers may be unaware. Under Chinese law (the *Penal Code*) the punishment decreed to an official who, without authority, plunges into war with a neighbouring power, is degradation. Now the Customs arrangements are under the special authority of the Hoppo, and whoever may reap the credit of their success, there is no doubt that he would pay dearly for their failure; and it is scarcely likely that the Hoppo would jeopardize his head

merely for the sake of changing an arrangement which, while putting nothing additional into his own pocket, most undoubtedly irritates the Portuguese, and, as he well knows, will probably lead to armed reprisals. We are therefore inclined to regard this move on the part of China as political only.

Our readers will remember that we not long since expressed our conviction that the Peking Government would make but slight objection to ceding the peninsula to Portugal, if it could make it evident to the native public that the dislodgment of its present occupants was an absolute impossibility.

It seems probable that the present move has been influenced by some such consideration. If it succeeds, well and good; if it fails, even the truculent Cantonese will have learned that they miscalculated the power and bravery of the Portuguese, and there will be no excuse for grumbling at what cannot be helped.

A commencement will, we are informed, be made on the 26th instant, to erect the new station, and if, as we believe it will be, the attempt is resisted by force, hostilities seem inevitable.

On the other hand, the Chinese may be wise in time and be satisfied with having demonstrated their own inability to carry out their intentions.

Which ever way matters eventuate, good is sure to arise. We need hardly say that in this instance foreign sympathies are with Portugal.

If China is too self-confident to admit the validity of the Portuguese ownership of Macao, her defeat will teach her a useful lesson.

Whatever the upshot of the first brush between them, Portugal is sure to make good her title in the long run, and of this China has been often and for a long period warned.

Might, conjoined with long usage, is universally held to constitute right when territorial questions are in discussion, and the possession of Macao will form no exception to an all-obtaining rule.

THE COREANS give rather a curious excuse for having fired upon the Japanese vessels of war. "They were not aware of the nationality of the vessels they fired on."

This adoption of the "heave-ha-half-brick-at-him" system, on the ground that a vessel is of unknown nationality, is not calculated to raise foreign ideas of Korean politeness and hospitality, and will go far to induce European sympathies with Japan in the task it has set itself of putting Korean ideas on such matters to rights.

The latest reports from Japan assert that Kuroda has been assassinated; that he was admitted to visit the capital and then seized and decapitated. We cannot of course say how far this is reliable, native rumours on such matters in Japan being more indebted as a rule to fancy than fact for their foundations.

But there is no inherent improbability in the report, and if it be true, Korea will probably pay dearly for her treachery.

No doubt Japan would in foreign eyes have been wiser had she waited for a time before provoking hostilities with Korea. But the old saying that "the weaker knows best where the shoe pinches" may apply to the master of ex-daimios and Samourais.

A small war may be a necessary alternative to the Japanese Government, and once having embarked in it, Japan will have the sympathies of all on her own side.

Even China, we suspect, would not dialike to see her truculent vassal brought to terms; and we doubt not that if Japan promises not to occupy the country permanently, she will heartily wish her success.

It is curious that both Japan and China should at this moment both have on their hands an impending war with powers whom it is probable they equally undervalue.

The Shanghai *Courier* and *Gazette* notices the telegram relative to the support accorded by England, Russia and America to the German claims, anent the plundering of the *Anna* at Foochow, in a way which seems to us to ignore the prime cause of complaint in the whole matter.

Says our contemporary—
It appears to us that this and similar claims upon the Chinese Government are hardly fair. The *Anna* was attacked by pirates, whose action was as certainly without the connivance, as they themselves are practically beyond the jurisdiction, of the authorities.

First, are the common enemies of all nations; they are carefully watched and kept as much as possible in check not only by foreign gunboats but by Chinese cruisers as well; and therefore to make the native Government answerable for a piratical attack is as unreasonable as it would be to expect a European state to recoup its subjects because burglaries are occasionally committed upon their houses in spite of the police.

Unless it can be proved, as it has not yet been, that the Peking mandarins are not attempting to bring the criminals to justice, or to enforce restoration of their plunder, they cannot justly be blamed.

This is completely ignoring the very cause of reference to Peking in the first instance. It was publicly declared that, in consequence of the local authorities failing to take the necessary measures—the magistrates of the place where the pirates sold their booty refusing even to recognize the Viceroy's receipt, while that official declared himself unable to enforce compliance—the case had been referred to the Central authorities.

Considering that the Hongkong papers quoted at length the account to this effect published by the *Foochow Herald*, the *Courier's* eyes must have been strongly short-sighted not to have seen the paragraph in question.

Its substance appeared moreover in all the mail summaries, and the matter has been the common talk of the foreign public for some months past—added to which the *Courier* itself, if we mistake not, also inserted the news in its own columns.

The fact is that the *Courier* has a soft side for the Chinese which it sometimes exhibits in disregard of foreign rights of the most ordinary description. We quite respect its opposition to anything like undue "bullying," but it should be careful that its attempts to do justice to China do not advocate its opposite to Europeans.

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Hongkong, February 3, 1876. mol



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